

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

Stichting Rainforest Alliance

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organisation?

- Palm Oil Grower
- Processor and/or Trader
- Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- Retailer
- Bank and/or Investor
- Social and/or Development NGO
- Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- Affiliate

1.3 Membership number

7-0008-08-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

NGOs

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Rainforest Alliance is an international NGO promoting sustainable production systems and supply chains in tropical forestry and agriculture. In January 2018, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ merged, with the goal of accelerating and scaling up progress to address the urgent challenges of climate change, social inequity, rural poverty, human rights violations, and loss of forests and biodiversity. The post-merger organization, named Rainforest Alliance, currently works at a technical level with farmers and forest communities in 30 countries, and operates its certification system in a further 30, supporting over 2.4 million farmers and 1.5 million farm workers to apply more sustainable farming methods and achieve a higher standard of living. Rainforest Alliance has been working in the palm sector for over 12 years. UTZ has been providing RSPO with RSPO PalmTrace traceability system and Rainforest Alliance has worked on certification, according to the practices of the Sustainable Agriculture Standard and programmes and partnerships with smallholder farmers and civil society. As part of RA's largely donor-funded landscapes and communities work, as well as its work with companies and supply-chain partners, RA has partnered with smallholder farmer groups and forest communities in Indonesia, including those in the palm sector, for over 15 years. Today, RA's work in palm includes engaging with smallholders in Indonesia to improve their sustainability practices, supporting companies in setting sustainability commitments according to the Accountability Framework initiative, mapping company supply chains to mill level to increase the transparency in the sector, and enabling RSPO certification by operating the RSPO traceability system, PalmTrace (<https://www.rspo.org/palmtrace>). <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/business/responsible-sourcing/on-the-journey-to-sustainable-palm-oil/>

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to publicise programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, the uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, or to support good standing RSPO members during the reporting period?

Rainforest Alliance provides RSPO PalmTrace which includes the functionalities of registering the trades certified palm oil and palm oil products and the functionality for members to manage credit trade under the RSPO Book and Claim supply chain model. In 2019 new features, among others, were translation of PalmTrace into Bahasa Indonesia, Thai and Spanish, simplification of the process for Independent Smallholders to sell RSPO Credits, automation of the licensing of Traders and Distributors, verified GPS coordinates for mills that can be verified by CBs when licensing them, functionality to export supplying mills from a users stock from the system, automatic additions of processing activities based on the supply chain model when CBs request a license, reducing errors and workload for CBs and RSPO, and transactions and trace can reverse by members themselves, to correct errors. Training to members and are provided on a continuous, as needed basis both online and face to face. In 2019 more than 350 over more than 7 locations globally were trained face to face. 28 online trainings were provided. Over 20 manuals and quick guides were updated and webinar recordings were made available.

1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

10%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces during the reporting period?

Yes

1.5 Does your organisation have any collaborations with public or private sector palm oil industry players to support them in their efforts to increase the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)?

Yes

1.6 How is your organisation's work on palm oil funded?

We receive part of the volume based fee for first buyer sales in PalmTrace from RSPO and have donor funded projects in palm.

2. TimeBound Plan

2.1 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start participating in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces?

2011

2.2 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start undertaking and publicising programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO member?

2007

3. Actions for Next Reporting Period

3.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

Rainforest Alliance aims to continue supporting RSPO in making sustainable palm oil the norm. Rainforest Alliance will continue to engage with RSPO and its stakeholders to improve the RSPO PalmTrace system to keep it up to date to ensure it meets their needs. For 2020, among other changes, PalmTrace will be translated into more languages. Changes to facilitate the implementation of the RSPO Independent Smallholder Standard will be made in PalmTrace, including facilitating the sales of physical FFB, as well as the Independent Smallholder RSPO Credits. Rainforest Alliance will be present at RSPO events where the use of various PalmTrace functionalities is illustrated and communicated to users. Training to RSPO's members and CBs will continue to be provided as needed and requested both face to face and online. In 2020 Rainforest Alliance's work in palm will continue engaging with smallholders in Indonesia to improve their sustainability practices, supporting companies in setting sustainability commitments according to the Accountability Framework initiative, mapping company supply chains to mill level to increase the transparency in the sector, and enabling RSPO certification by operating the RSPO traceability system, PalmTrace.

4. Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility indicators will be done through several channels, including ACOP. As the implementation of Shared Responsibility reporting is still on-going and in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP is not yet final and may change in future ACOP cycles. For more information on Shared Responsibility, please go to <https://rspo.org/news-and-events/news/what-are-the-new-shared-responsibility-rules> or email the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org

Labour & Labour Rights

4.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?

No

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

4.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?

Yes

4.2.1 Does the policy cover:

- Recruitment
- Contractors
- Sub-Contractors & Third-Party Contractors

4.2.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Ethical Conduct & Human Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

No

Occupational Health & Safety**4.3 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?**

No

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)**4.4 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?**

No

Complaints & Grievances**4.5 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?**

Yes

4.5.1 Is your Complaints & Grievances mechanism in line with the RSPO's grievance mechanism? For details of the RSPO's grievance mechanism, please go to <https://askrspo.force.com/Complaint/s/>

No

Smallholders**4.6 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

4.7.1 Does this support cover:

- Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- Improved Smallholder livelihoods

4.6.2 How is your company supporting them?

Rainforest Alliance engages with smallholders in Indonesia to improve their livelihoods by capacity building, institutional strengthening, providing tools that increase their yields, support the adoption of good agricultural practises, and facilitating market linkages. This will result in enabling smallholders to further implement sustainability practices. Through RSPO PalmTrace, Rainforest Alliance facilitates the trade of RSPO Independent Smallholder RSPO Credits also when the new Independent Smallholder Standard comes into force. We support Independent Smallholders with trainings on the system and improve the usability.

5. Challenges

5.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- Awareness of RSPO in the market
- Difficulties in the certification process
- Certification of smallholders
- Competition with non-RSPO members
- High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- Human rights issues
- Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- Low usage of palm oil
- Reputation of palm oil in the market
- Reputation of RSPO in the market
- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- No challenges faced
- Others

Others

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5.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- No actions taken
- Others

Others

1. Engagement with companies, in which we highlight the use of RSPO Credits as a way to support sustainable production and specifically to support Independent Smallholders. 2. Support RSPO in their outreach, at events, in engagement with their stakeholders, when it comes to certification and Palmtrace.

5.3 If your organisation has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

<https://rspo.org/palmtrace> <https://palmtrace.rspo.org/web/rspo/welcome> <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/articles/search-for-sustainable-palm-oil> <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/business/responsible-sourcing/on-the-journey-to-sustainable-palm-oil/>